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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

This paper is responsive to the final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 3, 2004. Applicants submit that no extension of time is required for this Amendment and Response to be entered and considered; however, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any additional fees or other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this Amendment and Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this Amendment and Response.